THE GOSPEL OF ALTRUISM.

Matt.22:39 Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

Phil.2:4 Not looking each of you exclusively to his own things, but
each of you also to the things of others.

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INTRO:- Egoism and Altruism.

A. The History of the Individual in relation to Society.

brief

1.The rather late discovery of the Individual.
2.The change of emphasis--back and forth.
3.The individualism of modern philosophy.
From Hobbes and Decarte to French Revolution.

B. The true principle. Neither the Individual must be sacrificed for the Whole, nor the Whole for the Individual.

C. Definition of Egoism and of Altruism.

(not selfishness which is self-destruction.

1.Egoism= devotion to the interests of Self.
2.Altruism= devotion to the interests of Others.

D. Their origin.

1.Conflicting theories.
2.Both are deeply rooted in Life itself. (Egoism.
a/ Self-preservation a fundamental law of Life.
b/ Life begets life. Life must be sacrificed in order to produce more life. Altruism.
"For whosoever would save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it.".

State clearly but briefly

X's sake = for the sake of God and mankind —

E. Their dependence upon each other.

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I.The dependence of self-interests upon the social order.
  1.Self-consciousness necessary to self-knowledge, self-respect, and self-control.
  2.But the standards of self-knowledge, self-respect, and self-control are social.
    "Man sees himself thru the eyes of others."
  3.Every thot and achievement comes thru man's social environment.

Conclusion:- It is impossible to separate self-interests from the interests of others. Man becomes a living soul thru social life and activity.

II.The dependence of society upon individualism.
  1.Social feelings valueless apart from the individual.
  2.Society is vitalized by its individual members.
  3.Every plan and accomplishment of society is the product of individual minds and efforts.

Conclusion:- Concluding Principles.

1.The struggle for life can only be carried on successfully when reinforced by an equal struggle for the life of others.

2.The extent to which one can and does devote himself to the interests of others depends upon the fulness, depth, and intensity of his own Self-life.

3.A fully and richly developed Self-life can only be realized by devoting oneself to the interests of others.

I, The Text Explained and Exemplified.

1. The simple meaning of the text.

a/ the implied devotion to Self.
b/ a like devotion to others commanded.
  '1' "our things."
    health, strength, comfort, a good living.
    social standing, tastes, ambitions.
    spiritual life and priveleges.
  '2' "the things of others". all things, our things

~~2. The hardness of the text.~~
~~a/ we do not so easily come in conflict with God.~~
~~b/ but we cross the paths of others constantly.~~

2 3. The text exemplified.

a/ the two prima donas of Maine.
  Annie Louise Carey, once a poor, struggling girl, thirty years ago educated another poor, ~~st~~ struggling girl, now known as Madam Nordica.
  Madam Nordica and her school of music for poor, unknown, but eager to learn and gifted young men and women.
b/ the flowers at a mother's funeral.
  The gorgeous "piece" of the family.
  The many small boquets from those that had been helped by her.

II. The development of the Altruistic spirit.

1. Observing the principle at work in nature. { tree blossom fruit - seed - more trees / [illegible]

1. Catching the Spirit of God in Christ.

Jn.3:16 God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him might not perish but have everlasting life.
1Jn:3:16 Hereby know we love because He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

2. Catching the Spirit from others.

I By observing it at work in others
II

II.2. Catching the Spirit from others.

a/ Job 29:15,16.

I was eyes to the blind,
And feet was I to the lame.
I was a father to the needy, (out.
And the cause of him that I knew not I searched

b/ The good Samaritan. — The wounded sheep [illegible] rescued

c/ Abraham Lincoln's tenderheartedness.
  1. Replacing the fledglings fallen from their nest.
  2. Lincoln's great love for humanity.

3. Exercising the Spirit in ourselves.

a/ any inclination to the contrary must be overcome.
1" Let us be warned by the captain of the ship who refused to pick up a lone man on a log because he wished to make a record run.
2" 1 Jn.3:17 But whoso hath the world's goods and beholdeth his brother in need and shutteth up his compassions from him, how doth the love of God abide in him?
3" Selfishness rebuked — I.668 Read.

b/ we should make it the subject of prayer.

"O Lord, that I could give my life for others,
With no ends of my own,
That I could pour myself into my brothers,
And live for them alone!"

c/ make it the constant object of our earnest endeavor.
The Helper-engine on the Erie Railroad.
  Its size and two sets of cylinders.
    high pressure and low pressure sets.
    can pull 2-mile train at 8mi. per hour.
  Helper-people who adjust themselves at all times to help others up steep grades and over rough places.

d/ devotion to others brings its own reward.
  1. it rapidly increases. and makes life worth while
  2. it compensates.
    Hotel Vendome Annex and the oak tree.